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Tracy D. WILKINS, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/545,772

Filing Date: 10 April 2000

For: RECOMBINANT TOXIN A PROTEIN
CARRIER FOR POLYSACCHARIDE
CONJUGATE VACCINES

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

Group Art Unit: 1645

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1645**

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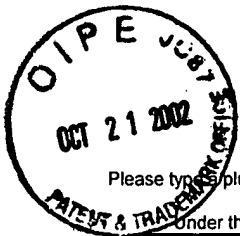
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action herein mailed 12 July 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 12 October 2002. Claims, claims 64-66 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 1-8, 13-15, 19, 20, 23-26, 28-31, 33, 36-39, 62 and 63 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.

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